

2013 Needs Assessment for Marion County

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Accomplishments

Continued drug testing for all students participating in extracurricular activities
Continued to utilize the adolescent substance abuse program thru the NorthWest Alabama Mental Health Center
Continued to support the parenting programs and the pregnancy prevention programs
Continued to support the Alternative Schools that provide services to At-Risk children
Continued to bring in domestic violence prevention programming for high school students

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Lack of Parenting Skills; Economic Stress; Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Lack of Support;
Domestic Violence & Anger Management

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Alcohol & Drug Counseling & Adolescent Intensive Out Patient Program thru NorthWest Alabama Mental Health Parenting Classes thru the Alabama Cooperative Extension Office The Parent Project Breaking the Cycle of Abuse Conference Walk A Mile for A Child Too Good for Drugs	Public Transportation Jobs in the community

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Encourage parents to attend parenting classes thru the local Alabama Cooperative Extension Office and revitalize
The Parent Project
2. Continue to promote The Breaking the Cycle of Abuse conference in order to educate other agencies, the medical
field and the public about child abuse
3. Continue to utilize the drug and alcohol programs, classes, etc that are available thru the NorthWest
Mental Health
Center
4. Continue to utilize SafePlace to provide domestic violence prevention/education for students in the
local schools

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Lack of local placements for older children in foster care

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Gas vouchers provided to parents to visit their children in foster care placements	Group home type placements for older children closer to the community Additional funding to provide gas vouchers Trained approved volunteers to assist in transportation of children & families

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Providing gas vouchers for parents to visit their children in placements outside of the community
2. Partner with the community to assist in making sure parents can attend required family sessions with their child in placement

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Children dropping out of school

Parents not encouraging children to remain in school;

Children not making the connection between education & earning

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Youth Success Program at Bevill State Community College & Northwest Shoals The Upward Bound Program at Bevill State Community College & Northwest Shoals GED classes thru Bevill State Community College & Northwest Shoals Alternative School for At-Risk Children A Parent Resource Center for parents of at-risk children School Supplies for children involved with the juvenile court or DHR Think Link providing an on-line formative assessment for teachers Character & career education resources	Transportation for students to get to BSCC & Northwest Shoals Funding for GED testing Tutoring Services

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Continue to partner with the local school systems, Bevill State Community College, Northwest Shoals Community College and the Career Center

Continue to assist the school systems in the enforcement of truancy laws

Continue to provide school supplies for children involved in juvenile court & DHR